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1. IN RESPONSE TO OUR INQUIRY CONCERNING POSSIBLE CAUSES FOR PANAM'S RECENT DIFFICULTIES IN UGANDAN AIRSPACE, THE FRG FOREIGN OFFICE HAS PASSED US THE FOLLOWING LETTER DATED AUGUST 19 FROM ITS EMBASSY IN KAMPALA.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE EMBASSY HAS LEARNED FROM A RELIABLE SOURCE THAT FOUR PERSONS CONCERNED WITH FLIGHT CONTROL AT ENTEBBE AIRPORT WERE FOUND DEAD AFTER THE ISRAELI RESCUE OPERATION. IT IS ASSUMED THAT THEY WERE DONE AWAY WITH BY THE UGANDAN SIDE, PROBABLY AS "PUNISHMENT" FOR THEIR NOT HAVING PREVENTED THE ISRAELI AIRCRAFT FROM LANDING. THESE FOUR PERSONS HAVE NOW BEEN REPLACED BY MILITARY PERSONNEL.

THE EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT THE FOREGOING TROUBLE IN OVER-FLIGHT TRAFFIC CAN BE TRACED BACK TO THESE PERSONNEL CHANGES. THE PERSONNEL NOW RESPONSIBLE FOR AIR SAFETY ARE SAID TO BE TECHNICALLY WELL-VERSED AND FAMILIAR WITH
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THE FLIGHT CONTROL FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT.

AS REPRESENTATIVES OF WESTERN AIRLINES IN KAMPALA HAVE
TOLD ME, IT CAN BE ASSUMED THAT THE NEW FLIGHT
CONTROLLERS ARE NOT YET FAMILIAR WITH FLIGHTS AND OVER-
FLIGHT TIMES OF TRANSIT FLIGHTS. SIGNED (NOURNEY). END
QUOTE.
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